

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 24th July 2011

EI DXCC List

An updated list of EIs on the DXCC list is now on the IRTS web site. The latest list, which shows quite a lot of movement in recent months, suggests that EI stations have been busy working and confirming DX. Many of the long-standing DXCC holders have claimed a significant number of new credits and we also have some new entrants to the DXCC list - the new ones being Tom EI9CJ, Charlie EI8JB and Tom EI4DQ.

Tom EI4DQ is the first and only EI with DXCC on 2 metres; to achieve this he worked and confirmed 110 DXCC entities on 2 metres, which is no mean feat! Worldwide, just over 60 radio amateurs have been awarded DXCC on 2 metres; with 110 entities confirmed, Tom is ranked 14th in this group.

Have a look at www.irts.ie/dxcc to see the full EI DXCC list.

IRTS 2 Metres Counties Contest

The IRTS 2m Counties Contest will take place Sunday 28th August 2011. The closing date for the submission of the log to the contest manager is 27th September 2011.

HF Newsreaders.

We wish to welcome Francis Lenane EI5GOB and George Donaldson EI7GKB as HF newsreaders. Francis is based in Waterford and George is based in Athlone thus ensuring a nice geographical spread. If there are any other operators who would like to read the news please contact Ger McNamara on 087 2532512 orei4gxb / at /gmail / dot/com.

South Dublin Radio Club

SDR members held a Field Day on Howth Head last weekend. One of the purposes of this exercise was to give the newer members of the club an opportunity to participate in setting up and operating portable HF and VHF stations. Most of the focus for the day was on the HF bands; although no real DX was worked - despite valiant efforts by Tony EI7JN to work Yankee-Bravo (Indonesia) - the station had many contacts around

Europe. The most enjoyable DX of the day was a contact on Phone and CW with Tony EI5EM, who was in Ye Olde Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio just down the road!

The North Cork Radio Group

The North Cork Radio Group is pleased to announce their second annual rally and electronics fair at the Blarney Golf Resort, Tower, Co Cork. on Sunday September the 11th 2011.

The doors open to the public at 11.30 and the rally will run throughout the afternoon. The usual traders will be on hand with some very tasty bargains, South East Communications, Long Communications and JBT Trading.

The Hotel are also offering room deals for the rally a Room Only from €59 and Double Room inc B&B: €79 Please Contact the hotel directly for room bookings on Tel:+353 21 4384477 www.blarneygolfresort.com

Small traders are very welcome but it essential that they contact the events organiser Liam EI7GTB, Tel: 086-3357100 Email:ei7gtb/ at /gmail/dot/com as soon as possible. Please note the new contact number for table bookings.

Further details can be found via the group's website www.ei1nc.com

Limerick 2M Repeater QRV again.

The Limerick 2M repeater on 145.725 is now QRV again after being off the air due to vandalism at the repeater site. Limerick Radio Club are grateful for the many generous donations received from around the country, which have gone towards installation of a new security door. A new run of Hardline has also been installed from the hut to the mast.

The Joyce Country Challenge 2011,

Also known as the Finney walk, took place on Saturday 16th July. As usual the Galway Radio Experimenters Club, provided radio coverage for the event. This necessitated the strategic positioning of operators at several points along the walks of which there were three. Despite very bad weather the event passed off with no incident of note.

Inishbofin Island

The Galway Radio Experimenters Club annual dxpedition will take place from Sat 23rd – Sat 30th July. We will, as usual, be using the callsign EJ4GRC. All modes and bands will be in use. So if you hear us give us a call. Several club members will be staying the entire week with several more dropping out for the unique 'Boffin experience.

The Dalkey Island Contest Group

The callsign EI1DD will be activated by members of the Dalkey Island Contest Group during the IOTA Contest on 30/31 July. This year the group will operate from the Cullen, Co Tipperary QTH of Gerry EI8CC. Team members are EI2CA, EI7CC, EI7CD, EI8BP, EI8CC, EI8CE and are joined this year by EI8KD better known as Norby LX1NO. The island reference number is EU-115 and calls from EI's will be very welcome.

Outside contest times Norby EI8KD/LX1NO is hoping to take advantage of his time in Ireland to operate from as many local Summits on the Air as is feasible. He was here before in 2008 when he used the call EI/LX1NO/P.

DX News

Hopefully by the time you hear this, the new DXCC entity of Southern Sudan will be on the air. Two international groups have teamed up to bring this new one to the waiting multitudes. The groups are the Intrepid-DX Group and the DX Friends. Members started arriving in Juba, the capital of Southern Sudan, on Wednesday 20 July to finalise the licensing arrangements. The callsign issued is ST0R (Sierra Tango Zero Radio) and it is hoped that the operation will start around 23 July. The International Telecommunications Union have not yet issued a callsign block to the new country and when this happens it is expected that the necessary amendment will be made to the licence documentation. In any event the DXpedition will last until 10 August so you have plenty of time to get this new one in the log.

Carsten DF1XC is in Barbados on holiday until 15 August. Look for him signing 8P9XC on the HF bands. QSLs go via the home call.

Prefix hunters will be interested in the special event station TC7EYOF which is on the air until 30 July. This is in connection with the 11th European Youth Olympic Festival being held in Trabzon, Turkey. QSL manager is YM7KA.

Frank DD0CW is active as JT1FDB from Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia. He will be there until early August and operates mainly in CW.

Japan to Remove Morse Requirement

The Japanese Ministry of Internal Affairs has decided to delete Morse telegraphy testing for its Amateur Radio Class 1 and 2 licenses with effect from October 2011. (Source: Practical Wireless August 2011)

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be

submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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